December 29, 2005

### Via Messenger

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications and Energy One South Station Boston, MA 02110

> Re: D.T.E. 05-85 Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, together d/b/a NSTAR Electric, and NSTAR Gas Company, Return of Service

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed herewith for filing is the Return of Service of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company, together d/b/a NSTAR Electric, and NSTAR Gas Company, regarding the Order of Notice and Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in the above-referenced docket.

Please contact Robert Werlin, Esq. at 617-951-1400 for any questions relating to this submission. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tam Ly

617-424-2074 Voice

617-424-2205 - Fax

**Enclosures** 

Cc: Shaela Collins, Hearing Officer Robert Werlin, Esq.

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, together d/b/a NSTAR Electric, and NSTAR Gas Company

D.T.E. 05-85

### RETURN OF SERVICE

I herby certify that publication and service of the within Order of Notice and Notice of Filing and Public Hearings has been made and given as therein directed.

Jean Yoon

Boston Edison Company 800 Boylston Street, PRU-17

Boston, MA 02199

Dated: December 29, 2005

Subscribed and sworn before me This 29th day of Decomber 2005

Tam Ly

Notary Public



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The Companies are required to give notice of this proceeding no later than Monday, December 12, 2005 to (1) the Chairmen of the Boards of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Mayors, and City Clerks of the attached list; (2) all participants in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23, D.T.E. 97-113, D.T.E. 02-80A, and D.T.E. 04-113; (3) all participants in Cambridge Electric Light Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111, D.T.E. 98-78/83, D.T.E. 99-90 and D.T.E. 04-114/03-118; (4) all participants in NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-GAF-P8; and (5) to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Companies. The Companies shall make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

MARY I COTTRELL, SECRETARY



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The Companies state that if the Settlement is approved, effective January 1, 2006, NSTAR Electric's transition rates would be approximately \$20 million lower than would have been collected in 2006. The \$20 million amount would be deferred and collected from customers at a later date, with interest. Also, effective May 1, 2006, NSTAR Electric's distribution charges would increase by \$30 million, which would be offset by a \$30 million reduction in NSTAR Electric's transition rates. The \$30 million reduction in transition rates would be deferred and collected from customers at a later date, with interest. In addition, beginning January 1, 2007, and annually thereafter through December 31, 2012, NSTAR

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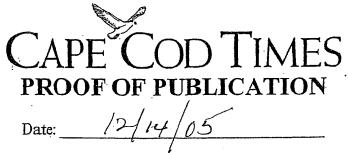
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#### NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

December 7, 2005

Petition of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company and NSTAR Gas Company, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 164, § 94, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq. for approval of a rate settlement effective January 1, 2006.

Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company (fogether, "NSTAR Electric") and NSTAR Gas Company ("NSTAR Gas," collectively with NSTAR Electric, the "Companies") filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") seeking approval of a rate settlement agreement ("Settlement") entered into with the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Low-Income Energy Affordability Network and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. The Department docketed this matter as D.T.E. OS-85.

According to the Companies, the Settlement would mitigate rate increases for electric and gas customers. The Settlement provides for (1) NSTAR Electric rate changes on January 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005, (2) a performance-based rate mechanism for NSTAR Electric beginning January 1, 2007 and extending through Oecember 31, 2012, (3) NSTAR Gas rate changes on January 1, 2006, (4) an expansion of NSTAR Electric's storm fund, (5) the implementation of new procurement programs for NSTAR Electric basic service customers, (6) the implementation of a fixed-price option for NSTAR Gas residential and small commercial default service customers, (7) the implementation of service quality, safety and reliability programs, (8) the implementation of a low-income arrearage management program, and (9) the preparation of an annual capital projects scheduling list.

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The Companies state that if the Settlement is approved, effective January 1, 2006, NSTAR Electric's transition rates would be approximately \$20 million lower than would have been collected in 2006. The \$20 million amount would be deferred and collected from customers at a later date, with interest. Also, effective May 1, 2006, NSTAR Electric's distribution charges would increase by \$30 million, which would be offset by a \$30 million reduction in NSTAR Electric's transition rates. The \$30 million reduction in transition rates would be deferred and collected from customers at a later date, with interest. In addition, beginning January 1, 2007, and annually thereafter through becember 31, 2012, NSTAR Electric would implement a performance-based mechanism pursuant to which the annual increases in distribution charges would be offset by decreases in transition charges. The decreases in transition charges would be deferred and collected from customers at a later date, with interest. Also, effective January 1, 2006, NSTAR Gas would applicable that the state of gas adjustment clause to reduce its gas costs by approximately \$18.5 million. This amount would be deferred and collected from customers over a twelvemonth period beginning no earlier than May 1, 2006, with interest.

A typical residential customer of NSTAR Electric who uses 500 kilowatt-hour per month would see a bill decrease of \$0.45 compared to what the customer would otherwise have paid in 2006.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Boston Public Library (Main Branch, Copiey Square): the offices of the Companies, 1 NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts; and the offices of the Department, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The petition is also available on the Department's Website, http://www.mass.gov/dte. For further information regarding the Companies' petition, please contact the Companies' representative, Robert N. Werlin, Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110, 617-951-1400.

The Department has scheduled the following public hearings to take place on **Thursday**, **December 29**, **2005**, to receive comment on the Companies' proposal:

Boston Edison Company City of Böston, 7:00 p.m. Boston City Hall - Piernonte Room City Hall Plaza Boston, Massachusetts

Cambridge Flectric Light Company City of Cambridge, 7:00 p.m. Cambridge Senior Center 806 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commonwealth Electric Company
Town of Yermouth, 7:00 p.m.
Yarmouth Town Hall - Main Hearing Room, Lower Level
1146 Route 28 South Yarmouth, Massachusetts

NSTAR Gas Company City of Worcester, 7:00 p.m. Worcester Public Library 3 Salem Square Worcester, Massachusetts

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may appear at the public hearings or file written comments not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, December 20, 2005.** Any person interested in participating in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, December 20, 2005.** All written documents must be filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, as follows: an original and ten (10) coppels with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, in addition, one (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to counsel for the Companies, Robert N. Werlin, Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110, 617-951-1400.

A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be dissalowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for a walver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to die.efiling@state.ma.us and to <a href="https://documents.org/line.gestate.ma.us">https://documents.org/line.gestate.ma.us</a> or (2) on a 3.5" disk, i8M-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (0.7.E. 05-85), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filling, and descriptive title of the document. The electronic filling should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filling. Text responses should be created in either Corel Wordperfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF fille. Data or spreadsheat responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, http://www.mass.gov/deu.

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